

## Message Text

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R 070930Z JUN 78  
FM AMEMBASSY PRETORIA  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1314  
USMISSION USUN NEW YORK  
INFO AMCONSUL CAPE TOWN  
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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: PINT, PDEV, RH  
SUBJECT: RHODESIA: EC SAYS IT IS ADDRESSING REMOVAL OF  
RACE DISCRIMINATION

1. PRESS ACCOUNTS STATE THAT SITHOLE, CURRENT CHAIRMAN OF  
THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, ANNOUNCED ON JUNE 6 THAT THE EC IS  
GIVING "SERIOUS CONSIDERATION TO ALL ASPECTS OF RACIAL  
DISCRIMINATION WITH A VIEW TO PREPARING A COMPREHENSIVE AND  
PRACTICAL PROGRAM FOR THE REMOVAL OF DISCRIMINATORY  
LEGISLATION AND ADMINISTRATION PRACTICES."

2. COMMENT: THIS IS THE FIRST PUBLIC COMMITMENT BY THE  
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TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT-SINCE THE SIGNING OF THE MARCH 3  
ACCORD ITSELF-TO GET ON WITH THE JOB OR REMOVING  
RACE DISCRIMINATION. NOT ONLY WAS THIS ISSUE ONE THAT  
WAS HIGHLIGHTED IN THE INTERNAL AGREEMENT BUT EACH OF  
THE BLACK LEADERS HAS PUBLICLY PLEDGED HIMSELF TO  
ITS ACCOMPLISHMENT. EVEN SO, THIS IS ONE AREA WHERE  
NO APPARENT MOVEMENT HAS BEEN MADE BY THE TRANSITIONAL

GOVERNMENT AND THIS FACT HAS SPAWNED SOME OF THE MOST  
POINTED CRITICISM OF ITS PERFORMANCE. PROGRESS IN THE  
DIRECTION OF REMOVAL OF RACE DISCRIMINATION WOULD GAIN  
POINTS FOR THE INTERNAL SETTLEMENT AMONGST MODERATE  
OBSERVERS NOW DISILLUSIONED BY THIS LACK OF PERFORMANCE.  
THE OBVIOUS QUESTION, HOWEVER, WILL BE WHAT ACTUAL PRIORITY  
THE EC IS GIVING TO THIS MATTER, ONE OF THE  
EASIEST AND LEAST CONTROVERSIAL PROBLEMS FACING THEM.  
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